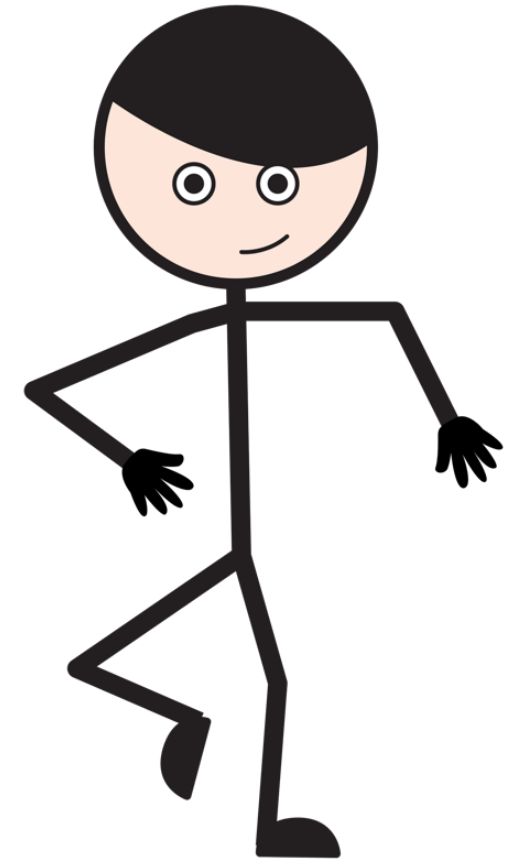
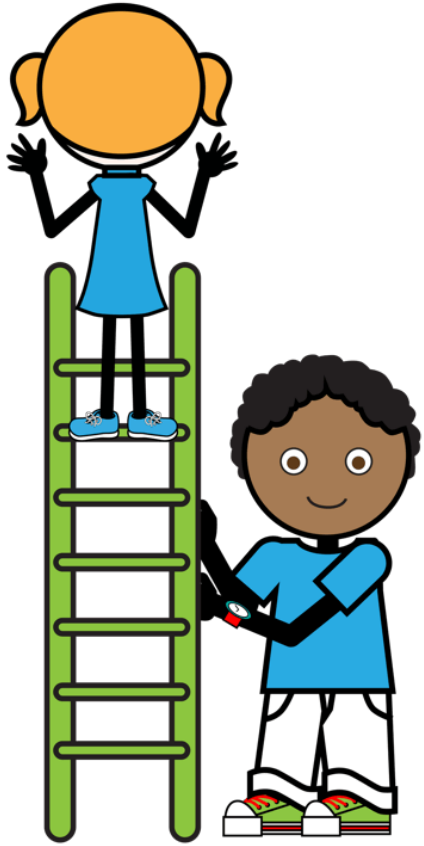
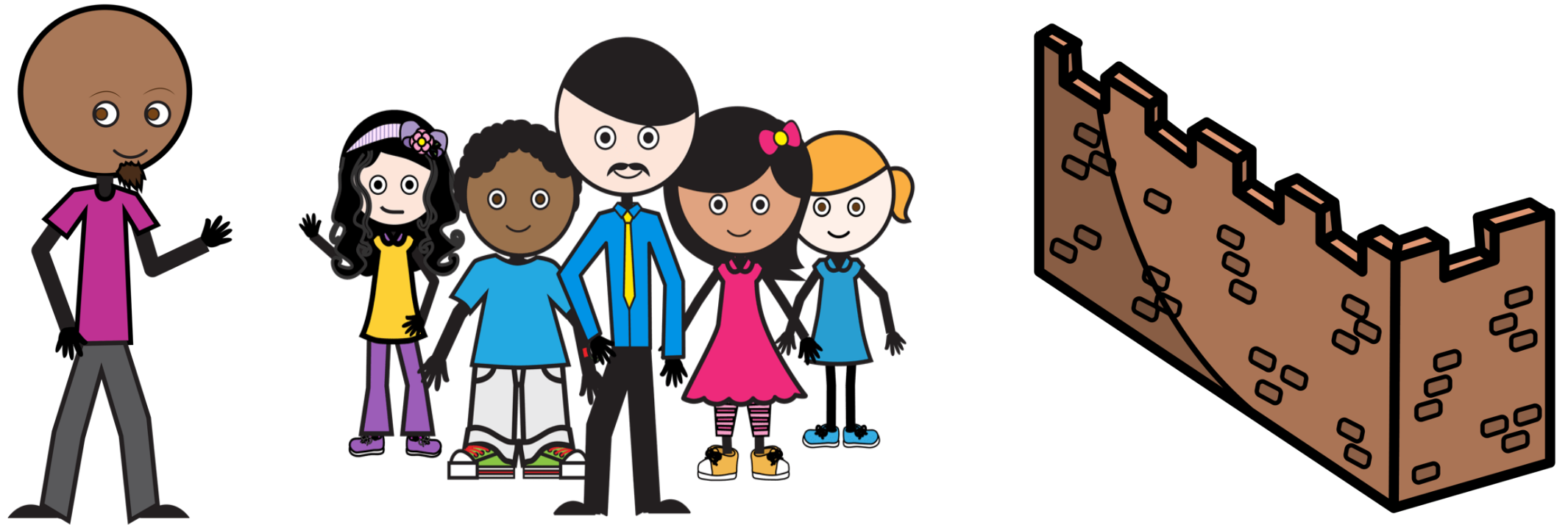


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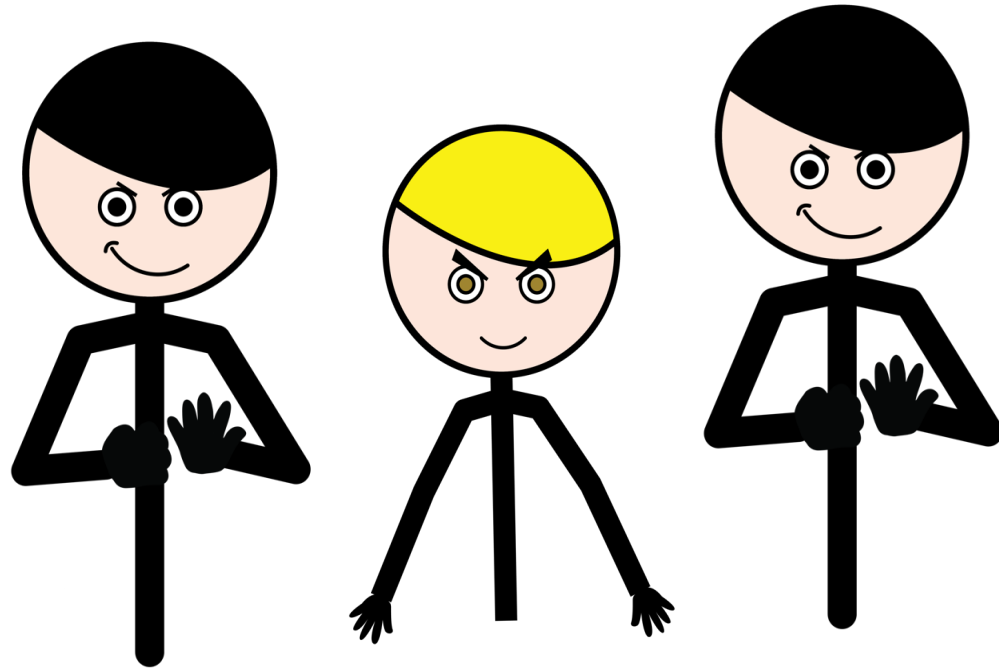
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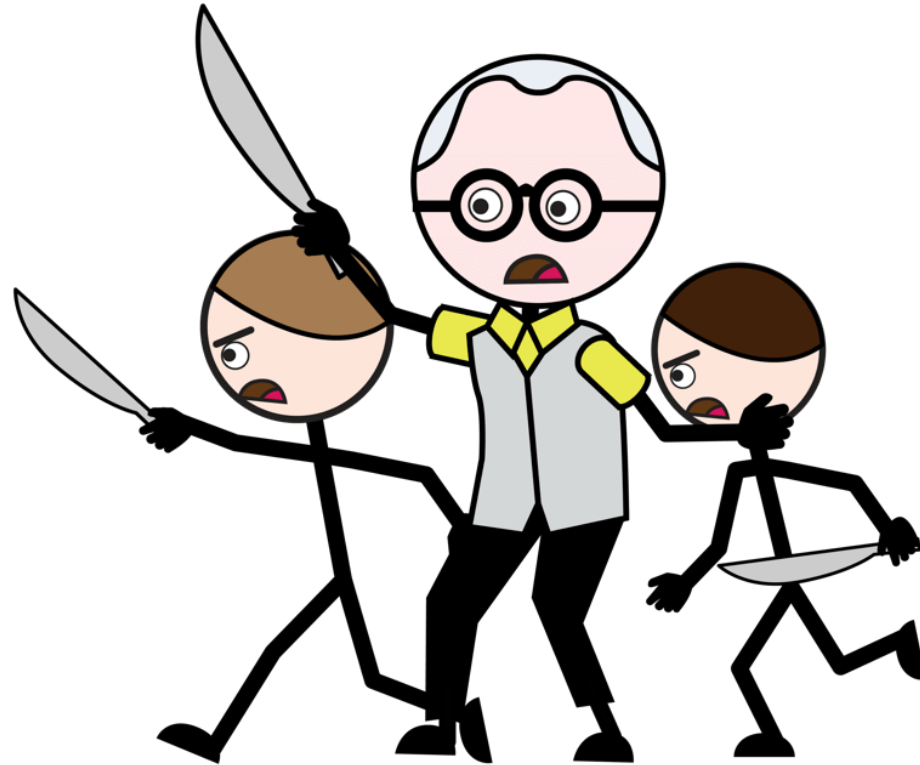
**This Week's Finish Line:
Trust God and stand firm**



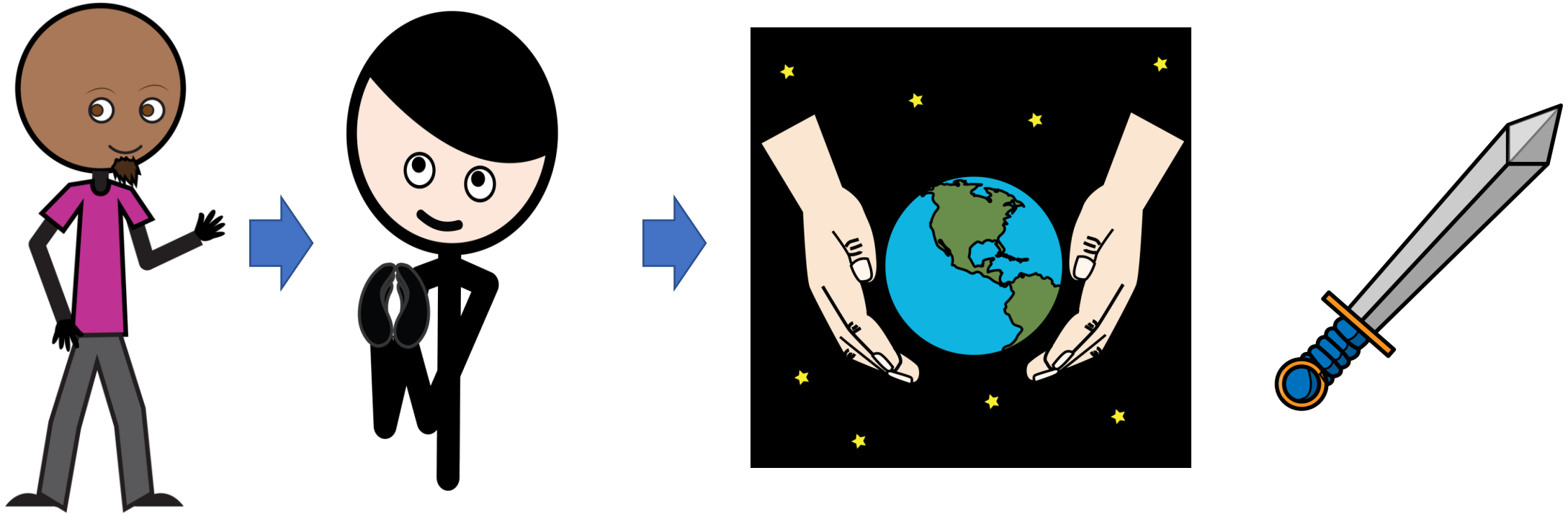
Nehemiah and all the people worked very hard to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.



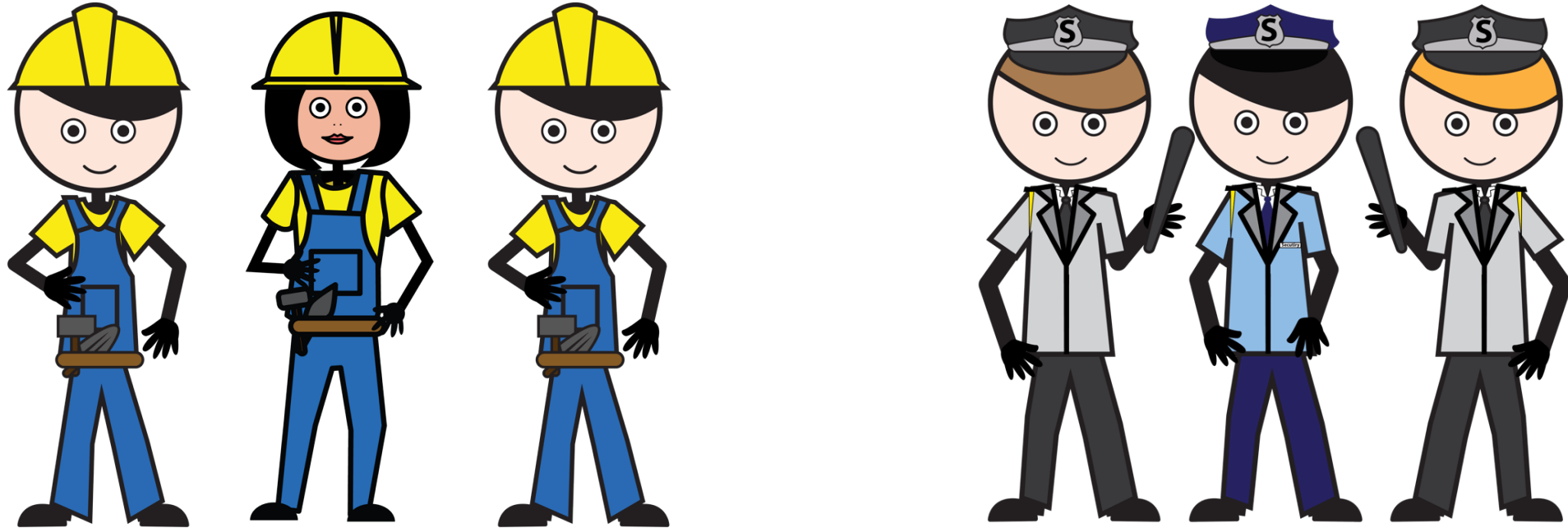
**But the people had some neighbors that
did not want them to rebuild the wall.
They said lots of mean things to the people.**



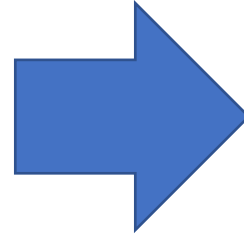
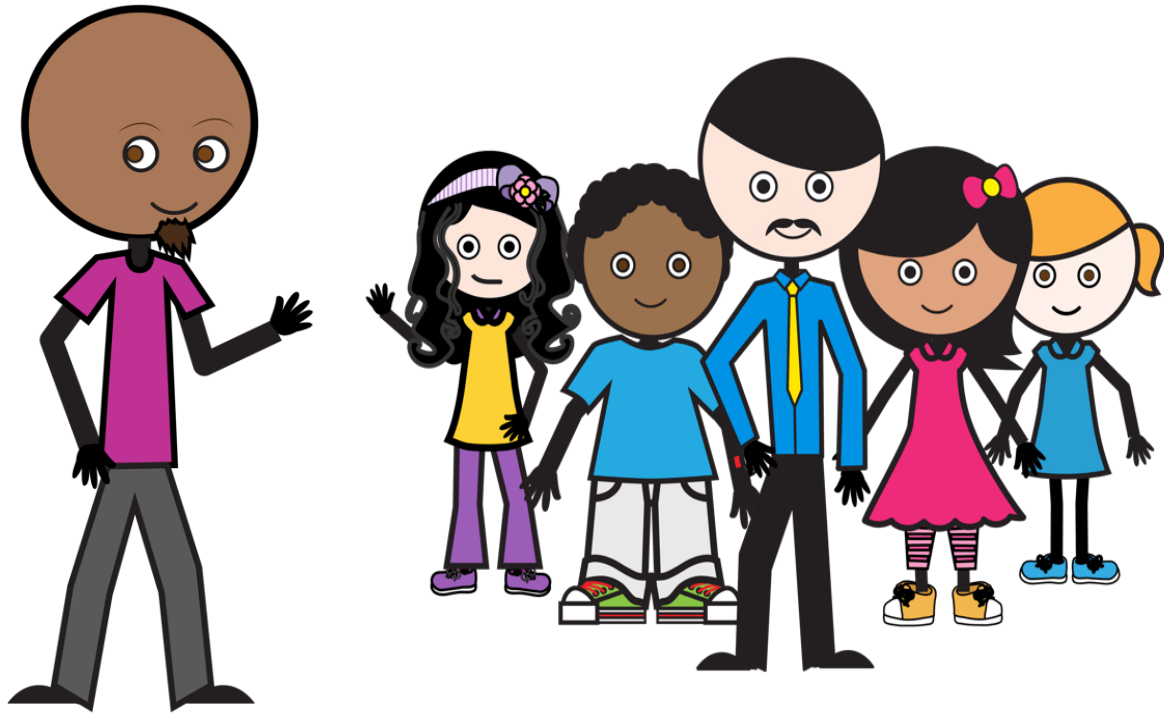
**They did not want Jerusalem to be safe and strong,
so they planned to attack the people.**



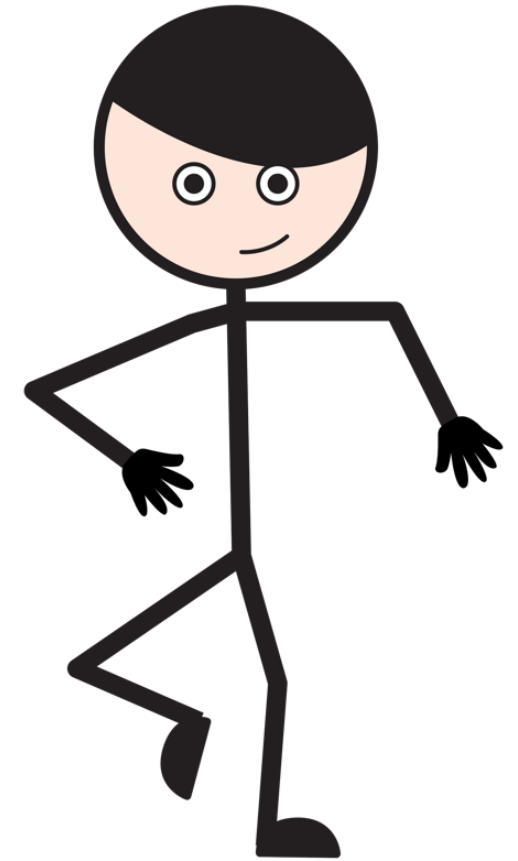
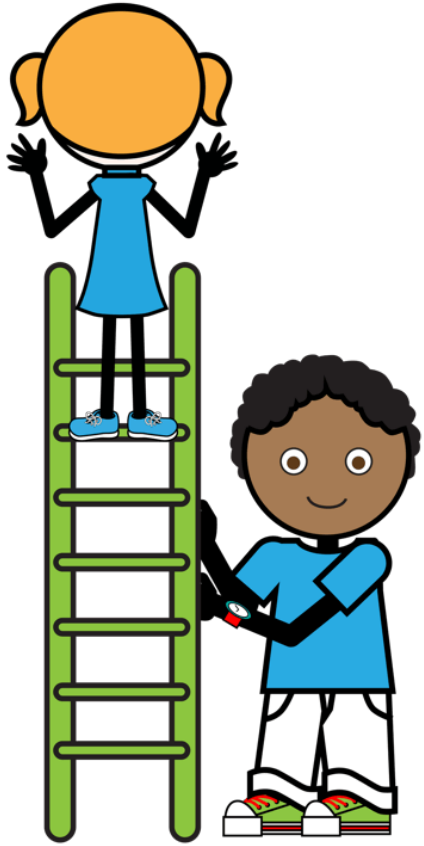
When Nehemiah heard about the planned attack, he stopped and prayed. Then he reminded the people God would fight for them.



After praying to God, Nehemiah divided the people into two groups. Half the people were builders and half stood guard. God protected the people as they worked.



Nehemiah and the people trusted God and stood firm.



Trust God and stand firm!